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SUBJECT: THE HO CHI MINH CITY NATIONAL FRONT FOR  
LIBERATION CONGRESS

1. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG THE BANGKOK-BASED INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORPS IN THE THIRD CONGRESS OF DELEGATES OF THE HO CHI MINH CITY NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION (NFL) COMMITTEE. THE CONGRESS ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE JULY 27-28. THERE HAS BEEN JOURNALISTIC AND DIPLOMATIC SPECULATION THAT IT COULD SERVE AS THE OCCASION FOR THE TRANSITION FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN RULE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AS WELL AS GIVE SOME INDICATION AS TO THE PACE OF REUNIFICATION.

2. FROM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN THUS FAR, THE PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN THE DESIGNATION OF THE HO CHI MINH CITY NFL COMMITTEE. IT IS HEADED BY PROFESSOR NGUYEN VAN CHI, DESCRIBED AS AN INTELLECTUAL OF THE RESISTANCE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN REGION (NAM BO) EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DURING THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE FRENCH, AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HO CHI MINH CITY

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PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. AT FIRST GLANCE THE

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE SEEMS TO REPRESENT A COMBINATION OF COMMUNIST AND THIRD SORCE TYPES, INCLUDING FORMER DEPUTY NGO CONG DUC.

3. IN COMING WEEKS, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ELICIT FROM EMBASSIES HERE WITH REPRESENTATION IN THE TWO VIET-NAMS FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE CONGRESS, AS WELL AS ON ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

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